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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Any erroneous reflections upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of the Messenger will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the publishers.

Friends, Texans, Countrymen, lend us your ears: We rise to remark that the Emergency has come: yea, it is here in force. Now, bring forth the Currency.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox says the science of eugenics is to revolutionize the world. We await the physical proof from the households of Mrs. Wilcox and the Longworths, says the Houston Post.

Some of the Houston banks have received \$1,250,000 of emergency currency, but, as Col. Bailey understands it, only high class emergencies are to be considered for the present, the ordinary emergencies being something of a drug on the market.

Even Dear Decatur has taken on the "buy a bale" movement more quickly than Denton.—Denton Record-Chronicle.

Proof positive that Decaying Denton is not in the Decatur-Dallas-Fort Worth-McKinney class.

The farmer occupies a peculiar position in the world of trade. He produces the cotton, loads it on his wagon and drives in town. The buyer sets the price. When manufactured into goods the merchant sets the price. The farmers sell at a price set by the other fellow; he buys at a price set by the other fellow. Organization, with politics and politicians eliminated, will assist the producers.

Wheat went sky high just as soon as the producer let go. Why didn't the swashbuckler war god pull his stunt while the wheat was in our bins?—Messenger.

Better still, why in the samhill didn't he wait until next spring, after we had gathered our cotton crop and sold it? Then we would have profited a-comin' and a-gwine—high priced wheat and cotton already disposed of.—Denton Record-Chronicle.

"Refused Notice." Every editor has received them. The postmaster sends them to the editor. For instance, there is a man by the name of John Bland, who refused to take his paper from the postoffice. He did not want it any longer and we wondered. Upon investigation of our subscription book we found that John was behind \$1.55. He stopped the paper as a matter of economy to us. One evening we went to church and John's melodious voice rang out loud and clear in that soul-stirring song, "Jesus Paid It All." We might have been mistaken but his earnestness impressed us. The next day we sent him a receipt in full, begging his pardon for not knowing he had made arrangements for his liabilities in that matter.—Ex.

The Messenger agrees with State Senator McNealus that there is a market for every bale of the American cotton crop. If the producer will dispose of it cheaply. The warring nations that have their ports closed against our cotton exports, Germany, Belgium, Austria-Hungary and Russia, last year took only 3,763,835 bales of our crop. This is less than 25 per cent of the total American crop of all grades and classifications of cotton. The ports of England and France are open to our cotton, and last year England alone took more than three millions of bales. Then why is the market today shot to pieces? Who is responsible for the sorry market? Not the war god by a long shot. The same fellows who boosted wheat after it left the farmers' bins, are manipulating the strings in New York and England. With cotton going begging at 9 cents you haven't heard of any falling off in cotton goods prices, have you?

Thousands of bushels of sorry corn and other feedstuff have been shipped into this state from Kansas and other states to our north. Much of this "stuff" is of such a low grade that the farmers and stockraisers of the Sunflower State refuse to feed it to their stock. It is shipped into this state, where a ready market has been found. Why is this? Why will the farmers of Texas buy the shoddy stock feed from other states, when the best and most nutritious feed can be had at lower prices in this state? It has been demonstrated, proven beyond the questionings of thousands

of Doubting Thomases, that the oil mills of this state are turning out products that are superior feed for stock. The most successful and progressive cattlemen of the state are alive to the value of hulls and meal as feed. The progressive swine raiser is familiar with the oil mill products. And yet, there are thousands of pounds of Kansas, Oklahoma and Iowa "stuff" coming into Texas to fatten (?) Texas stock. Peculiar, isn't it? A relative of this writer's, Bob Gatewood, probably the most successful cattle feeder in the state, pays to the oil mills of Cleburne and Fort Worth a healthy bank role annually for the products the less progressive farmer and stockman "passes up" for the northern feed. Gatewood has been successful; he is progressive; he feeds the mill products, meal and hulls. Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis and Ft. Worth markets have frequently been "topped" and their records smashed by the stock from the pens and ranches of this man.

A little while ago I stood by the grave of the old Napoleon—a magnificent tomb of gilt and gold, fit almost for a deity dead—and gazed upon the sarcophagus of rare and nameless marble, where rest at last the ashes of that restless man. I leaned over the balustrade and thought about the career of the greatest soldier of the modern world. I saw him walking upon the banks of the Seine, contemplating suicide. I saw him at Toulon. I saw him putting down the mob in the streets of Paris. I saw him at the head of the army in Italy. I saw him crossing the bridge at Lodi with the tricolor in his hand. I saw him in Egypt, in the shadow of the pyramids. I saw him conquer the Alps and mingle the eagles of France with the eagles of the crags. I saw him at Marengo, at Ulm and at Austerlitz. I saw him in Russia, when the infantry of the snow and calvary of the wind blast scattered his legions like winter's withered leaves. I saw him at Leipzig in defeat and disaster, driven by 1,000,000 bayonets back upon Paris, clutched like a wild beast, banished to Elba. I saw him escape and retake an empire by the force of his genius. I saw him upon the battlefield of Waterloo, where Chance and Fate combined to wreck the fortunes of their former king. And I saw him at St. Helena, with his hands crossed behind him, gazing out upon the sad and solemn sea. I thought of the widows and orphans he had made, and of the tears that had been shed for his glory, and of the only woman who ever loved him pushed from his heart by the cold hand of ambition. And I said I would rather have been a French peasant and worn wooden shoes, I would rather have lived in a hut, with a vine growing over the door and the grapes growing purple in the amorous kisses of the autumn sun; I would rather have been that poor peasant, with my wife by my side knitting as the day died out of the sky, with my children upon my knees and their arms about me; I would rather have been this man and gone down to the tongueless silence of the dreamless dust than to have been that imperial personification of force and murder known as Napoleon the Great.—Ingersoll.

Commissioners Order Well Sunk

Wednesday morning the commissioners' court called for bids on a contract to sink a well on the county's lot northwest of the jail. Work on the well will start Monday, so Judge Allison informs the Messenger. The well will supply water to the courthouse and jail.

Warehouse Contract Has Been Let

Contractor Ben Hobson has been awarded the contract to erect the first cotton warehouse for Decatur. The house will be started in a few days. The Gibson cotton yard has been purchased and is being cleared. The building will be erected on this lot.

"The Million Mystery" draws bigger crowds each night it is presented

The First State Bank

DECATUR, TEXAS,
At the close of business, Sept. 12, 1914
RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts.....	\$143,799 28
Overdrafts	48 10
Furniture and fixtures	3,400 00
Due from approved reserve agents, net.....	6,511 97
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check net	6,511 97
Cash items	2,693 49
Currency.....	7,550 00
Specie	709 80
Interest on Depositors Guaranty Fund.....	1,500 00
Other resources as follows.....	97 63
TOTAL	\$166,310 26

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 50,000 00
Undivided profits, net.....	4,883 80
Due to banks and bankers, subject to check, net.....	8,545 82
Individual deposits subject to check	63,383 62
Time certificates of deposit.....	1,200 00
Cashier's checks.....	7,297 02
Bills payable and real-estate counts	35,000 00
TOTAL	\$166,310 26

State of Texas, County of Wise.—We, Guinn Williams as president, and E. P. Gibson as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

GUINN WILLIAMS, Pres.
E. P. GIBSON, Cashier.

Sworn and subscribed to before me this 15th day of Sept., A. D. 1914.

R. L. Thompson, Notary Public.
Correct attest: C. B. Simmons, J. A. Simmons, J. P. Williams, Directors.

Lyceum Course

How much a ladies' organization may do to forward the interests of a town and contribute to the pleasure and enjoyment of the people is evidenced each winter in Decatur by the fact of the operation of the popular lyceum courses, which work the ladies take up and carry forward for the blessings of refreshment and entertainment which the enterprise affords.

For one reason or another Decatur has few resources for providing entertainment for her people, and the ladies through the instrumentality of the lyceum courses are conferring a real social and civic blessing when they assume the responsibilities of lyceum management. These entertainments admirably fill the need. They are high class in every respect and due to the fact that they can be arranged for in a series that can be attended by the individual so cheaply that the patrons little feel the burden.

The course for the coming fall and winter is a splendid one in every respect. In the first place, it comes from the Rice Bureau, which every one here has learned to know sends out nothing but the very best of talent. Secondly, the numbers of the course have been selected for this season with a view, based on past years of experience, to what this town needs and likes in the way of music and pleasure. It opens October 16, with the Lyric Quartette, a very superior organization of singers and entertainers, and after giving three other excellent and varied entertainments closes in February with one of the costliest and highest class productions ever brought to Decatur, the Chicago Musical Club, an orchestra of skilled and highly trained musicians, worth in itself the total price of the course to any patron. There will be five numbers in all, as follows: Lyric Quartette, October; Rufus E. King, November; The Westerners, December; Lou J. Beauchamp, January; Chicago Musical Club, February.

State World Have Powerful Bank

Austin, Texas, Sept. 15.—Some of the features of the proposed Central State bank plan became known this afternoon. The proposition is to create a bank with \$20,000,000 capital stock, \$17,500,000 of which is to be taken by the permanent school fund and \$2,500,000 by state banks. The bank shall administer the permanent school fund, act as custodian of the state bank guaranty fund and as reserve agent for state banks. Provision will be made for the acquisition of stock in the bank by national banks if they desire to become owners of such stock. The bank will have nine directors. These shall be the three members of the state board of education, three men nominated by them and three men nominated by the state banks.

Allies Whipping the German Army

The latest reports from the war zone in Europe say the Germans are being driven out of France. Thousands of men have been killed. The decisive battle of the war is now raging, state late press dispatches.

"Cured"

Mrs. Jay McGee, of Stephenville, Texas, writes: "For nine (9) years, I suffered with womanly trouble. I had terrible headaches, and pains in my back, etc. It seemed as if I would die, I suffered so. At last, I decided to try Cardui, the woman's tonic, and it helped me right away. The full treatment not only helped me, but it cured me."

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The Woman's Tonic

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Decatur, Texas

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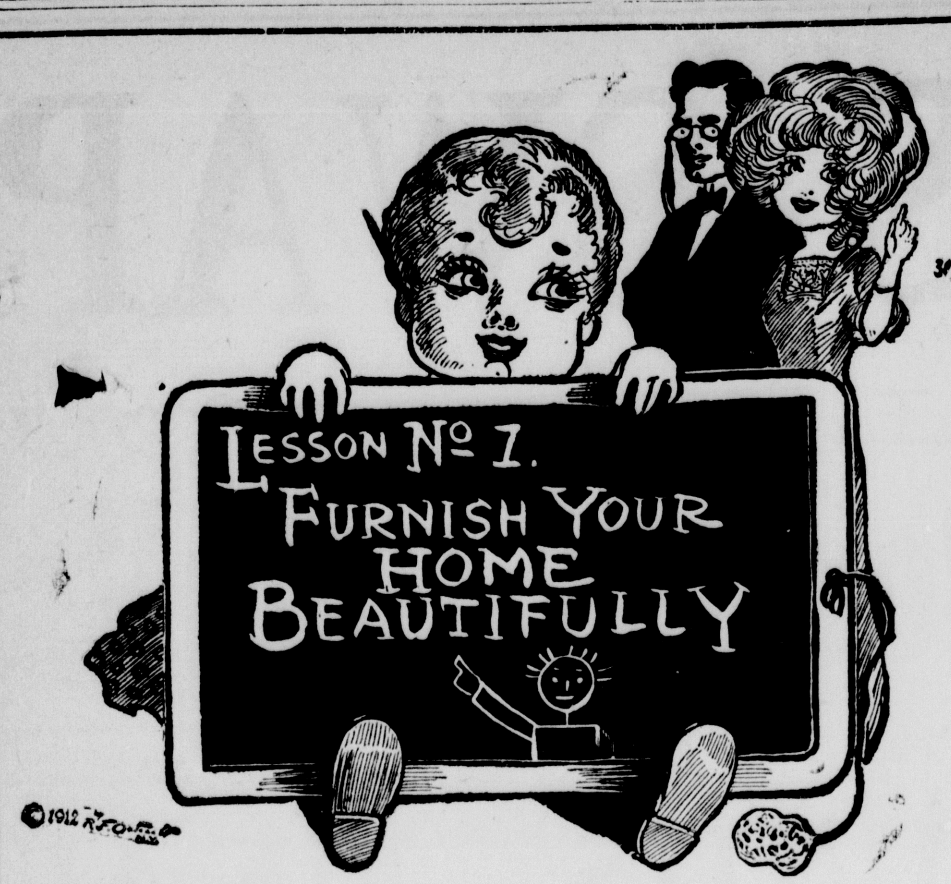
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Helm, Ward & Dillehay

Aubrey Foster was here Sunday from Vernon.

Mrs. J. E. Boyd spent several days in Boyd this week.

Work is progressing on the new residence of Hugh Breedlove on East Main street.

Mrs. Geo. Becker of Kaufman, is the guest of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Nash.

The ladies of the Cumberland church will give a public dinner over Dallas' grocery the first Monday in November.

Marvin Boyd left last Friday for Meridian to attend the teachers' institute in that county.—Boyd Index.

We are offering some attractive terms on Ft. Smith and Mitchell wagons. Helm, Ward & Dillehay.

Misses Minnie and Mary Vance of Cottondale, were here Saturday enroute to Edna, where they have positions in the school.—Boyd Index.

Miss Lena Vance of Wichita Falls, left Tuesday for Cottondale, where she is to teach school the present term.—Boyd Index.

Come early and avoid the rush Over 1200 fresh new woolen samples to select your fall suits from. Suits from \$15 to \$30. Orders taken for future delivery. Dickson & Smith.

Attorney Mack Burch and family will occupy the new house being erected just west of the Devereux home when it is completed.

Miss Willie Williamson of Burkburnett, spent several days here this week attending the opening of the college.

Mrs. Mattie Burk and children, who have been visiting the family T. Perrin, have returned to their home at Comanche, Okla.

Have your grocery get "Mother's" bread for milk at the City Bakery. Made with milk.

The Million Dollar Mystery has gone beyond expectations of the majestic patrons. It proves to be one of the best staged films around the most interesting story ever shown here.

Russell Dallas left Monday to join the Southwestern university football squad in the training camp on the Easley ranch near Taylor. After good work last year, Russell is considered one of the mainstays of the Southwestern team this year.

Miss Opal Wallace returned Saturday from Dallas and has taken up her duties as expression teacher in the Decatur high school. Monday evening Miss Wallace gave an entertainment at the courthouse when she presented "The Little Rebel." A good house greeted the young lady and all enjoyed themselves.

Give us your laundry. We want it, we need it, we appreciate it, we like it. We will call for it and we will deliver it. Phone us, write your name on your package and list it with a modern steam laundry slip. That insures you absolute satisfaction. If you haven't the slip we will gladly furnish them. Dickson & Smith.

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Mack White from near Forestburg, was here Monday trying to locate fourteen head of steers missed from his farm some three weeks ago. The steers were yearling past and brand J on left hip. Mr. White believes these cattle were stolen, and offers \$100 reward for the thief. For several years he and others have been losing cattle in the Forestburg country, and the losers are getting "sore" on cattle thieves, and are making an effort to stop the depredations.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Five Cents per line per week

FOR SALE—Nice little runabout buggy. Apply to J. H. Morris.

FOUND—Two Mexican sheep. Owner see Marshall Lewis.

FOR SALE—Complete outfit of mason's tools, will sell at reasonable price. MRS. BOB CLARK.

FOR SALE—4-room residence; 93-foot square lot; good out-houses; close to public school. Price reasonable. R. D. SMITH, at County Treasurer's office. (10-9)

FOR SALE OR TRADE—One three and one-quarter inch Mitchell wagon, slightly used. W. R. RANSON, independent phone 166.

FOR SALE—Two young Jersey milch cows, fresh soon. See L. N. NICHOLS, Carrier, Route 6.

FOR SALE—Set pony buggy harness; good condition; will sell at a bargain. EVERETT RHOADS.

STRAYED OR STOLEN—About fourteen head of yearling past steers, brand J on left hip; missed from my place 5 miles southeast of Forestburg about three weeks ago. Reward for information leading to recovery. If stolen, will give \$100 reward for arrest and conviction of the thief. MACK WHITE, Forestburg, Texas.

FOR SALE—Two almost new second-hand farm wagons; also second-hand buggies and surreys; will sell two good work teams on time to responsible parties. Call at Smith's stable. (344f)

BARGAIN in 100 acres of land near Decatur. Take some trade. See G. E. BOYD, at Abstract office.

FOR SALE—Thor IV motorcycle; in first-class condition; will sell at a bargain. JACK TAYLOR.

WE LOAN you money on your farm, take up or extend your mortgage and liens. DECATUR LAND, LOAN & ABSTRACT CO.

REGISTERED D U R O C JERSEY hogs for sale by J. W. THOMPSON, Decatur, Texas. (1-1-4f)

IF YOU want to buy or rent a house in Decatur, see E. T. Brown or J. W. Bailey.

FOR SALE—New alfalfa hay, \$8.00 per ton at press. T. F. MILLIGAN, Greenwood, Texas. (27)

FOR SALE—89 1-4 acres of land in forks of Catlett and Pecan creeks; no better land on earth; \$1500 cash balance easy payments. My home on East Main street, also a 32 h. p. Hupmobile in good shape and a sure enough runner. I need money and don't need the property. Call on or address CODY MILLIGAN, Decatur, Tex., Box 187. (36)

FOR SALE—Good five-room house; piped for gas; gas lights; lavatory; kitchen; sink; good barn; chicken house; well; windmill; cement cellar; 1 1-2 block of land goes with same. This is one of the best improved small places in Decatur. Will take some good stock as part pay. Terms on balance. If interested, address Box 541, Decatur, Texas.

FOR SALE—5-room residence in Decatur. T. L. McCONNELL.



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No money brings such satisfaction as a few cents spent in the Fall for "touching up" shabby floors, furniture and woodwork. All winter long the bright, attractive and wholesome home is a source of constant pleasure.

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When an agent approaches you with his fine pictures and smooth running talk, BEWARE. It's the sure-enough goods you want, and you want to patronize home also, and have some one to kick to if there is any kick coming.

We are willing to take the kicking if our goods do not prove satisfactory.

The Spencer Nursery

Jno. Spencer, Mgr. Decatur, Tex.

The Messenger.

NEW DENVER SCHEDULE

Arrive at Decatur

SOUTH BOUND	NORTH BOUND
No. 8—5:06 a.m.	No. 3—9:38 a.m.
No. 2—4:43 p.m.	No. 1—11:20 a.m.
No. 4—3:22 p.m.	No. 7—12:45 p.m.

News of Town and County

LIGHT CRUST.

Mack Cates and wife were here this week from Fort Worth.

James Pealor of Terral, Okla., is visiting his friend here.

Fresh graham bread every day at the City Bakery.

Wick Rutherford was here Monday from Greenwood.

Uncle Bob Davenport returned Monday from a trip to Young county.

John Cartwright and family have moved to Holliday.

We are offering some attractive terms on Ft. Smith and Mitchell wagons. Helm, Ward & Dillehay.

Dan Smith of Cisco, is visiting the family of Bob Tilghman.

R. E. Carswell was in Fort Worth Monday.

Miss Blanche Hutcherson last week visited in Chillicothe.

Try the new loaf "Mother's" bread, made with milk. City Bakery.

Uncle Bob Cates this week made a trip to Duncan, Okla.

Los Holt was here from Halsell.

Dr. J. P. Turner was here Saturday from Slidell.

"Some Perils" in the Perils of Pauline at the Majestic next Tuesday.

Mary Rogers is attending Belton Baylor college.

Miss Margrete Ponder left Wednesday for school in Denton. She will attend the College of Industrial Arts.

Miss Vera Freeman from Denton, was the guest of Miss May Belle Pittle this week.

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Mrs. S. P. Nash, C. P. Nash and Zack Sharp left this week for a stay with relatives in Anson.

B. and Douglas Fox left this week for Fort Worth to attend Bryant's Training school.

Miss Bess Shaw, having accepted the position as trimmer for the Williams Dry Goods Co. at that place.

Madam, it is too hot to bake. Get "Mother's" bread, made with milk. City Bakery.

Miss Ruth Williams left this week for Austin, where she will attend school the coming term.

Miss Ruth Bryant of Slidell, returned last week from Fort Worth where she has been under optical treatment.

Mrs. S. D. Baker of Dallas, and Mrs. L. T. Owens of Denton, are guests of Mrs. M. F. Fox.

I am always at my chair, ready to give you the very best shines to be had anywhere. Can change tan shoe to fast black. Walter Spencer, at Owen's barber shop.

Give us your laundry. We want it, we need it, we appreciate it, we like it. We will call for it and we will deliver it. Phone us, write your name on your package and list it with a modern steam laundry slip. That insures you absolute satisfaction. If you haven't the slip we will gladly furnish them. Dickson & Smith.

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Rev. Geo. Boyd of Floresville, preached a very appreciative sermon at the Methodist church last Sunday Morning. Rev. Boyd is the son of our townsman, Rev. G. F. Boyd.

Mrs. John A. Ransome, wife of a prominent farmer living southeast of Decatur, died September 7 and was buried at the Thomas school house, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. G. W. Tyson, the lady's pastor. Mrs. Ransome left a husband and eight children, besides a host of friends to mourn her untimely death. The Messenger is requested by Mr. Ransome to thank the good people and neighbors who were so kind during the illness and death of his wife.

NOTICE

For sale or trade for cattle—Horses, mules, wagon, milch cows, cream separator also three small farms on long time and low rate of interest. H. H. HALSELL, Decatur.

NOTICE

The concessions for chicken and candy, fish and bread, hamburger, chili, restaurant, novelties, all kinds cold drinks and attractions for the Wise county fair, October 6, 7, 8 and 9 are now ready for sale. Apply to L. H. REEVES, Pres. Fair Association.

A Texas Wonder

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle is two months' treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonial, Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.

The Y. W. A. met Monday afternoon at the Baptist church. The subject of the lesson for the meeting was "Gideon," which was lead by leader Mrs. Hughes. It was decided to divide the Y. W. A. into two sections, of which Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Roy Heathington were elected leaders. Miss Annie Plaxco was appointed press reporter; Mrs. Ella Gentry and Mrs. Tom Renfro were appointed on personal service committee; Misses Johnnie Blankenship, Annie Plaxco and Mrs. Roy Heathington on telephone committee. It was decided to help pay the expenses of the young lady whom the Baptist churches of the county are to send to the Baptist college; also for each member to bring some gift at each meeting to be distributed among the poor and invalids of the town. The organization will meet at the home of Mrs. Ella Gentry the fourth Tuesday of this month in a social meeting. Regular meetings are the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

MISS ANNIE PLAXCO, Press Reporter.

Million Dollar Mystery Continues to Get Crowd

Last night, in spite of the rain, a record-breaking crowd attended the Mission Theatre to see the eleventh installment of this absorbing picture which seems to gather interest each week.

The crowds filled the house to overflowing and many stood outside the entrance, exposed to the rain, waiting their turn to enter, rather than miss a single picture. —Amarillo Daily News, Saturday.

Parade Is at Noon

Yankee Robinson Circus and Wild West Parade Takes Place At Noon.

In order that the country folks can have as much time at home on circus day as possible, also that incoming excursionists can have the opportunity of witnessing the immense circus and wild west parade of Yankee Robinson and Texas Bill, the event does not take place until high noon. Promptly at that time the parade moves, then all the outside free exhibitions are given at the show grounds. For those who come in early there is plenty of amusement, however, and it is advisable when convenient, to come in as early as possible.

Every Wednesday night—Our Mutual Girl.



The Telephone Road to Every Market

Are you up on current scarce prices during the scarce season?

The farmer with a Bell Telephone is "wise" and he sells at the market's height. Why not share your telephone-connected neighbors advantages.

Apply to our nearest manager for information, or write

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Decatur For Christ!

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Prof. M. C. Eidson, Musical Director and Evangelist Singer

GREAT REVIVAL

TO START IN DECATUR, TEXAS SUNDAY, SEPT. 20th

Everyone urged to be present. All christian people urged to co-operate

LOKAL NEWS

Perils of Pauline every two weeks. Alfred Brown of Paradise, was here Tuesday.

Miss Ella Lundy of Bowie, visited here this week. Dr. V. S. Halcomb was here from Bridgeport Wednesday.

Lee Mann and son, Dewey, were here from Paradise Monday.

J. W. Colbern of Terral, Okla., attended the college opening here.

Mrs. Angie Beville has sold her farm north of town to J. L. Campbell.

A. D. Turner of Denton, was here this week visiting his friend, Jim Holt.

The Missionary society of the Methodist church has sent a box to the Virginia K. Johnson home in Dallas. The box was valued at \$80.

Rev. J. O. McClurkin, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian church in Decatur in the long ago, is dying of peritonitis at a sanitarium in Nashville, Tenn.

Chairman Cliff Cates of the "Home Coming", committee of the Wise County Fair, is this week sending out invitations to former citizens of Delightful Decatur. The invitations are nobby.

Dr. J. J. Ingram, one of the county's most prominent physicians, is reported seriously ill at his home in Southeast Decatur with peritonitis. The Messenger hopes for a speedy recovery for the doctor.

See the Million Dollar Mystery tonight.

Decatur Baptist college opened Wednesday morning with an attendance bigger than was expected. Rev. J. L. Ward is the new president and friends of the school look forward to a prosperous session.

The fine arts recital which was to have been given in the college chapel tonight, Friday, has been postponed indefinitely on account of the unimproved condition of the chapel. The auditorium is being repaired and cannot be used at present.

The famous Alta Vista ice cream is as popular as ever—always at the City Bakery.

The Misses Montgomery, expert dressmakers, have opened a shop in rooms above the City Bakery on the west side of the square. These ladies have had much experience in their line and are recognized as experts in the art. See adv. in today's Messenger.

Louie Shulkey has opened his new cafe three doors west of the postoffice, and is starting off with a splendid business. The place is well arranged and has the appointments of a first-class eating place. The people appreciate Mr. Shulkey's efforts to furnish a first-class establishment.

Farmer P. L. Jones was in town Thursday and reported to the Messenger representative that the movement to keep as much cotton as possible off the market at present was being materially assisted by the worms in his section, and if the pests continued their work the organization of "Buy-a-Bale" movers will have to go some to be in the running.

The best serial picture ever seen here—"Perils of Pauline."

For some time the "Holy Rollers," a traveling troop of enthusiasts, claiming to preach in the unknown tongues, have been holding meetings in Bridgeport. Several days ago the report came that the troop was coming to Decatur for a stay, but word came later that the "Rollers" were going to continue services in Bridgeport until the second coming of Christ.

Wednesday night Harold Raborn and Miss Eura Pruett both of Chico, were married at the home of the bride's parents in Chico, Elder B. F. Hall officiating. Only a few intimate friends and the groom's near relatives were present. The young couple left immediately for West Acapulco where they will make their home, Mr. Raborn having charge of the gin at that place. These young people have a host of friends in Chico who wish them all the happiness and pleasure that this world has to give.—Chico Review.

"Perils of Pauline" is shown every other Tuesday night. Don't miss it.

R. E. Leonard, former principal here, is principal at Rhome this year. While here he was boasting that the Rhome school was the only school in the county that would maintain a nine months' school. That good district has voted a 15c maintenance tax. It has appropriated \$1250 for agriculture and domestic science. Laboratories will be put in and various general improvements, such as drinking fountains, iron fences, etc. Four teachers are employed.—Bridgeport In-Ex.

The City Bakery is the home of refreshment.

Col. Bill Mann, commissioner from the Paradise country, informs a Messenger representative that his town of Paradise is in on the "Buy-a-Bale" movement, and quite a number of the citizens down there have already purchased their bales. Commissioner Mann is doing his part in the movement and says he will keep several bales off the market if he has to purchase them to get in on the holding clause of the contract.

The Decatur district of the North Texas conference of the M. E. Church South, is no more. At a recent meeting of the church's high officials in Dallas the Decatur district was absorbed by the Bowie district, and the next presiding elder for this district will reside in Bowie. This change is said to have been brought about by a growing demand for a new district in the northwestern part of the territory covered by the conference.

All the popular soft drinks at City Bakery. Everything sanitary.

At a meeting of the Harmony club held Saturday at the home of Mrs. E. H. Baumgaertner, the annual election of officers was held. The following were elected: President, Mrs. Dick Collins; vice-president, Mrs. Zack Lillard; secretary, Miss Georgia Nash; choral director, Mrs. John A. Simmons; pianist, Miss Mary Risinger; corresponding secretary, Roy Heathington. This was the first meeting of the new year.

Buy a bale of cotton and be a benefactor.

Miss Opal Wallace, teacher of elocution in the high school, gave a very enjoyable recital at the court house Monday night, and a good-sized crowd was present. After several introductory numbers, the entertainer gave a splendid rendition of "The Littlest Rebel," a Southern story of much pathos and interest. This number gave Miss Wallace the opportunity to display her great talent as a reader, and she rendered the selection in a manner highly pleasing to the audience.

LOST—Gentleman's black coat between Pecan and Greenwood on Sept. 12. Finder please return to this office and get reward. (42)

Evangelist Friar to Hold Meeting Here

Evangelist Herbert H. Friar of San Antonio, and his chorister, M. C. Eldson of Birmingham, Ala., have arranged to hold an evangelistic meeting in Decatur, beginning next Sunday morning. The pastor and deacons of the First Baptist church have tendered the use of their meeting house for the meeting. Rev. Mr. Friar and Mr. Eldson come highly recommended and the pastor and deacons of the First Baptist church very gladly give their endorsement both of the men and the nature of the work they are doing. They have just closed at Alvord the most successful and far reaching meetings ever held in that community. Most of the conversions in that meeting were mature men and women. Mr. Friar is one of the most successful evangelists in the South and Mr. Eldson is said to be an artist in his line. While the Baptist church has tendered the use of their house the meeting is for the entire town and all Christians are invited to attend and co-operate in the effort to be put forth. It is hoped that every person in the community will attend the meeting. Mr. Eldson desires to meet all those who are interested in the music for the meeting at the Baptist church Friday night.

Don't Hurt Your Liver With Calomel

When your liver becomes torpid and sluggish, you can take calomel and whip it into action, but the calomel will leave your body weaker and sicker than ever. Calomel is a very powerful drug, a form of mercury, and need never be used because there is a perfect remedy to take the place of calomel, that has all of calomel's good medicinal effects with none of its dangerous and uncertain follow-ups. Its name is Dodson's Liver Tone.

Fullingim & Ford sells Dodson's Liver Tone with the guarantee that if you don't find that it treats you much better than calomel, they will give you your money back with a smile. Dodson's Liver Tone is a true tonic for the liver, purely vegetable, and with such a pleasant taste that it is no trouble to get children to take it. It is absolutely impossible for it to do anyone any harm.

Methodist Church

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m.; junior and senior League services at 3 and 4 p. m., respectively. On account of the evangelistic services at the Baptist church there will be no service at the Methodist church Sunday night. The pastor is very desirous of a full attendance at the 11 o'clock service. A cordial invitation to everybody.

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First Building West of Postoffice
Short Orders, Fresh Oysters, Chili,
No regular Meals
Everything New. LOUIE SHULKEY, Prop.

Citation by Publication

The State of Texas, to the Sheriff or any Constable of Wise County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon C. Arthur Brown, unknown heirs of C. Arthur Brown; John L. Lovejoy; S. H. Hodges, unknown heirs of S. H. Hodges; L. A. Crane; G. W. Trenchard and the unknown heirs of G. W. Trenchard, by making publication of this citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 43rd judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Wise county, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Decatur, on the last Monday in November, 1914, the same being the 30th day of November, 1914, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court, numbered on the docket of said court No. 3842, wherein Walter Rosenberg is plaintiff, and C. Arthur Brown, the unknown heirs of C. Arthur Brown; John L. Lovejoy; S. H. Hodges, the unknown heirs of S. H. Hodges; L. A. Crane; G. W. Trenchard and the unknown heirs of G. W. Trenchard are defendants, and the nature of the demand set out in said petition being a suit in trespass to try title to the following described land situated in Wise county, Texas. First tract: Out of J. B. Williams survey, about one mile west from Decatur, beginning 870 vrs. west of the northwest corner of the A. J. Walker survey; thence north 950 vrs.; thence west 950 vrs.; thence south 950 vrs.; thence east 950 vrs. to beginning, less 5 acres out of northwest corner of same. Second tract: one acre out of G. M. Virgil survey, beginning at a stone 370 vrs. west of northwest corner of J. B. Williams survey; thence north 35 vrs.; thence

west 161 2-3 vrs.; thence south 35 vrs.; thence east 161 2-3 vrs. to beginning.

Herein fail not, but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Decatur, this 16th day of September, 1914. LORY D. WHITE, Clerk, District Court, Wise County. (11-6)

Citation by Publication

The State of Texas, to the Sheriff or any Constable of Wise County—Greeting:

J. C. Frost administrator of the estate of Sarah Patey, deceased, having filed in our county court his final account of the condition of the estate of said Sarah Patey, deceased, numbered 1603 on the probate docket of Wise county, together with an application to be discharged from said administration.

You are hereby commanded, that by publication of this writ for twenty days prior to Oct. 5, 1914, in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper printed in the county of Wise you give due notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estate, to appear and contest the same if they see proper so to do, on or before the October 1914 term, of said county court, commencing and to be holden at the court house of said county, in the city of Decatur, Texas, on the 5th day of October, 1914, when said account and application will be acted upon by said court.

Given under my hand and seal of said court at my office in the city of Decatur, Texas, this 11th day of Sept. 1914. J. P. WILLIAMS, Clerk, County Court, Wise County. SAM FAITH, Sheriff, Wise County. (9-25)

For Sale or Trade

504 acres land in Cameron county, 2 1-2 miles from Lyford. Black sandy soil, all tillable. Will trade part or all for improved Wise county land. W. P. THURMOND, at City National bank.

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101 STARTLING NEW FEATURES FOR 1913

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SPECIAL SHOWS AT COUNTY FAIR

Association Announces Big Features for Coming Entertainment

The following are some of the special attractions at the Wise county fair to be held at Decatur Oct. 6, 7, 8 and 9, 1914.

Old fiddlers' contest; old time sacred song; automobile parade; bicycle parade; baby show; better baby show; educational rally; wild west shows; harness races; educated high school horses giving free exhibitions several times each day; parades of all classes of live stock; riding and driving by ladies; riding by peace officers; riding and driving by children; Shetland pony parades; riding contests by old soldiers, lawyers, farmers and stockmen; flower show and grand display of fireworks each night.

Big horse show each night in which some of the most noted show animals of the country will be entered.

The pleasant little horseman, Virgil P. Keel, of Gainesville, writes that he will surely be at the Wise county fair with a string of show horses. Every one who has attended the horse shows at Fort Worth and Dallas is familiar with Mr. Keel and his horses. Among his horses to be exhibited here will be his Arabian Stallion, which is a high school horse. This horse cakewalks, kneels, marches and does many fancy acts and his performances are always enjoyed.

Mr. H. E. Allen of Gainesville, was here a few days ago and stated that he and his son would have seven or eight fancy show horses here during the fair to exhibit at the night horse show. Allen and son own the noted Alamo stock farm formerly owned by Senator Joseph W. Bailey, and have some the best saddle and harness horses in the country. Mr. Allen came to Gainesville from Kentucky some years ago and has all of a Kentuckian's love for fine horses, and is in every way a most pleasant gentleman.

A letter from J. H. Murphy of McKinney, states that he will be at the Wise county fair with seven show horses for the night horse show. He says, quality considered, he has the best string of show horses in Texas. Among the number is an educated high school horse.

Other prominent horsemen to be here are: G. V. Miller and son of Denton; W. C. Grant of Denton, and some others from Fort Worth, McKinney and Dallas.

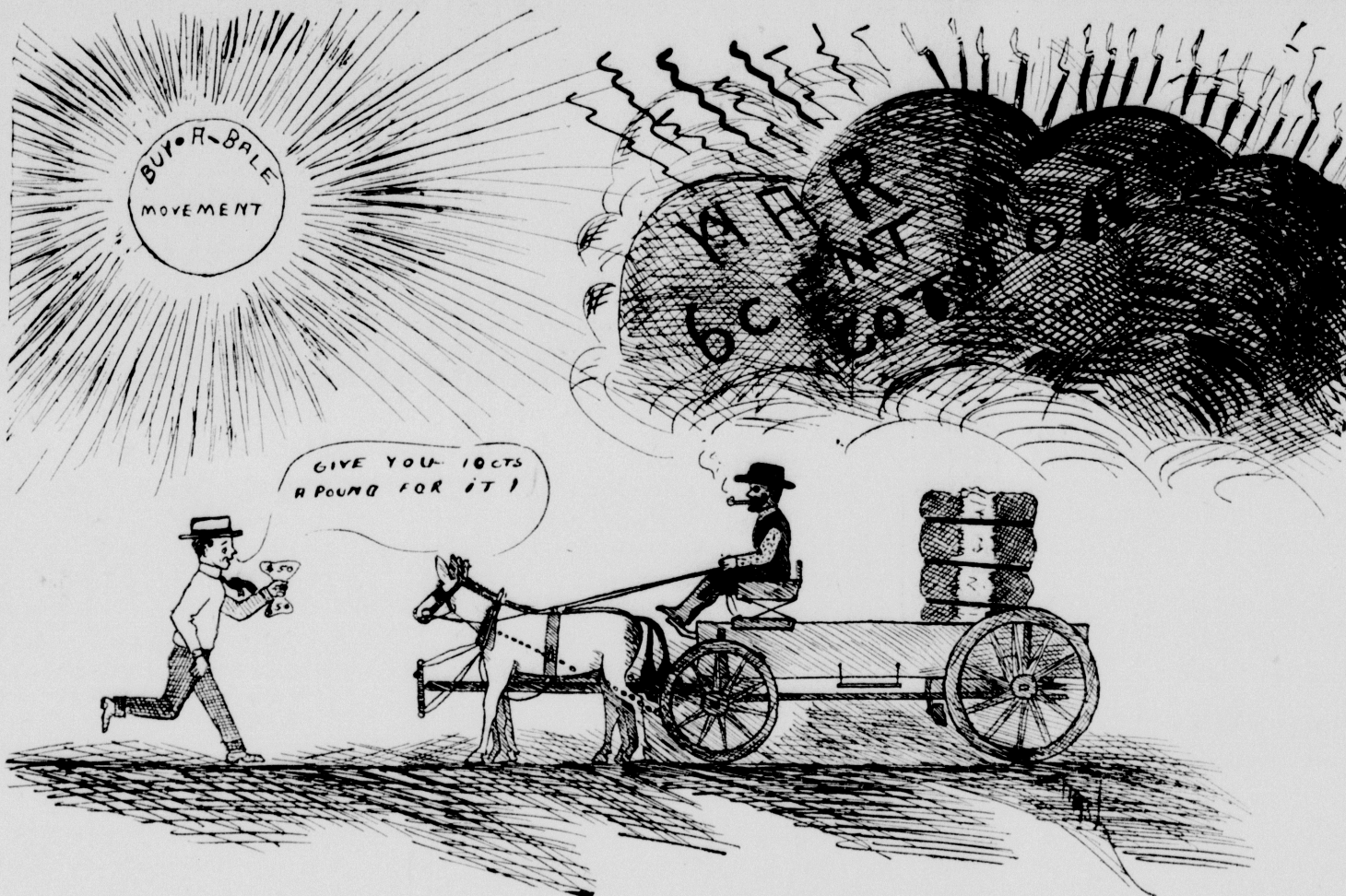
Nearly \$2,000 will be given away to the exhibitors of live stock, poultry, farm products, dairy, the different contests, etc.

Remember that all applications for entering live stock must be made on or before September 26, so that the necessary stalls to accommodate may be provided. Entry blanks for this purpose may be had on application in person or by mail to L. H. Reeves, president; Dick Collins, secretary; or Warren Lillard, treasurer, Decatur, Texas. Don't overlook this. Exhibitors of live stock may bring their feed with them or buy it on the grounds. Plenty of water will be furnished free for man and beast. There will be shows of different kinds on the inside of the grounds and entertainment will be provided for each minute of the time. Ask for a catalog and read it and tell your neighbor and hand him your catalog to read.

Guy L. Waggoner Asks for Divorce

Guy L. Waggoner, eldest son of W. T. Waggoner of Fort Worth, Saturday filed divorce proceedings against his wife, Lucile Waggoner. Attorneys for Waggoner stated Monday that the only grounds for the divorce was incompatibility of temperament. The divorce petition itself was withdrawn by the attorneys from the office of the district clerk immediately after it had been filed.

Mrs. Waggoner, who is the plaintiff's second wife, is now in New York. They were married here in September, 1907. Waggoner has large ranch holdings near Vernon, Texas.—Fort Worth Star-Telegram.



THE SUN STILL SHINING IN WONDERFUL WISE COUNTY

—Drawn by Wallace Nash, Messenger's Cartoonist

SIX VETERANS SAY REUNIONS O K

The newspaper notice of August 14, in reference to the Confederate reunion of August 5, 6 and 7 at Joe Wheeler park.

The Veterans' committee desires to state that while the attendance at the reunion this season was not as large as usual, it was larger than is usually seen at other county reunions in the state. The reason that there was no program on the first and third day of the reunion was because the Veterans' committee had offered the making of the program of the first day to the Old Settlers of Wise county, and that of the third day to the Sons of Veterans. They both failed to make a program for reasons unknown to the Veterans' committee. The two addresses made on the second day by the two young gentlemen from Weatherford and Denton were splendid and appropriate for the occasion. In the future there will be a program for each day and an entertainment for each night.

There were sixty Confederate veterans that attended the reunion that registered their names with their company, regiment and their present postoffice. They all appeared to enjoy themselves. The committee supplied sleeping quarters and three meals a day for all the Veterans during the reunion without any expense to them or any discomfort to the chronic kickers.

The Veterans will be pleased at any time to have the assistance and co-operation of the public spirited citizen of the town and county in making a social success of our annual reunion. But whether we get any encouragement from any other source or not, the great annual Confederate reunion at Joe Wheeler park will go on just the

same. It is NOT doomed; it is NOT tottering on its last legs; it is NOT going to die. Our annual reunions at Joe Wheeler park will live and will be attended regularly every year as long as any of the Veterans live that actually saw service in the war between the states and staked their lives on the field of battle for a cause they knew was right, or as long there live any of those noble women of the south that made so many noble sacrifices and bore so many hardships for that noble cause or as long as their loyal descendants are disposed to honor their victorious ancestors, these Confederate reunions will be attended and now as we pass through the few short years that may be allotted to us, we invite everybody to come to Joe Wheeler park once a year and let us have a good social reunion. Come and smile; don't come to frown and kick.

GEO. W. SHORT, Com.,
M. D. SELLARS, Adm.,
GOLDEN GENTRY,
T. L. VANDIVER,
W. W. WILLIAMS,
LEA THOMAS.
Executive Committee.

The above article appeared in print last week, and we suppose it is intended as a reply to the Messenger's charge that the reunions at Joe Wheeler park for the past several years had lost their drawing powers; that the 1914 gathering failed to draw one-third of Decatur's population to the grounds; that the people's interest in the affairs as managed by the gentlemen having in charge the reunions is being killed, and in a few short years the institution will be no

more. The Messenger made these charges, and there are hundreds of good citizens in this town and community who are making the same charges.

Now, this popular publication has no quarrel with the gentlemen who run the reunion affairs. This paper has no desire to create any wrangle over the matter. The reunion of last year and the one held in August of this year, speak for themselves. The people who attended these gatherings know "the situation" and how near the Messenger has hit the truth.

The gentlemen composing the committee have a right to their opinions as to how the reunions should be conducted. But the Messenger and the hundreds of good citizens in this town and county claim the same right to opinions.

The gentlemen of the committee are old soldiers, who "actually saw service in the war between the states and staked their lives on the field of battle for a cause they knew was right." We admit the claim. But we hold there are others we saw as much service, who fought as hard and were every whit as patriotic and fearless. And with these, followers of Jackson, Lee and Stuart in Virginia, this paper contends that some improvements are needed to make the reunions live and draw crowds to the beautiful park south of the city. The people are of the same opinion.

The Messenger entertains the very best of feelings for the gentlemen of the committee, and we believe five sixths of them are our friends; so, whether the reunions are run by our rules, or operated under this committee's plans, the Pioneer Paper and its friends will not fall out.

Ft. Worth Boosters Pay Decatur Visit

Three hundred Fort Worth boosters paid Decatur a visit Thursday morning, arriving at 8:45 on a special train.

The boosters marched to the square headed by three members of the Fort Worth mounted police, and marshaled by "Slim" Montgomery, the tallest policeman in the world, and "Fatty" Moore, who was about the size of a bale of cotton.

Hon. Tom McMurray warmly welcomed the visitors in well-chosen remarks, ending with an appeal to the Pantherites for a first-class highway from the Tarrant county line into Ft. Worth. Hon. Sam Tankersley, former Decaturite and now a candidate for mayor of Ft. Worth, responded, speaking in high terms of the reception given the boosters. During his talk Sam was repeatedly hailed as "the next mayor of Ft. Worth," which sentiment was heartily seconded by the Ft. Worthites.

At the close of his talk Judge Tankersley announced that Booster Sam Joseph wished to buy-a bale of Decatur cotton on a basis of 10c a pound, and the trade was quickly made with Tom Manning, whose bale graded above middling, and brought 10.20. Buck Smith, candidate for finance

commissioner of Fort Worth, was handing out cards among his many friends here. He and Sam Tankersley will both carry Decatur solid.

After mingling with the citizens and business men, the boosters returned to the depot, where they were met by Supt. Barton with the entire public school. The students complimented the visitors with yells, and the boosters responded with band music and the song, "Decatur is Style All the While." The reception by the school greatly pleased the visitors, and they highly complimented the fine body of school children. One man remarked, "Decatur must be strong for Teddy!"

The main object of this boosting trip was to advertise the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show, Oct. 10 to 17.

To Singing Classes

The different singing classes are invited to assemble at the New South church on next Sunday, Sept. 20, at 2 p. m., also on the two following Sundays at the same hour, for the purpose of practicing together for participation in the "Old time singing" at the Wise County Fair on Oct. 6, at 1:30 p. m. Bring all your song books. We are anxious for you to come and sing with us.

P. J. FULLINGIM, Pres.,
T. H. GREER, Sec'y.

High School Opens; Large Attendance

On last Monday the Decatur public schools opened with the largest attendances for opening day in the history of the school. New pupils have been coming in daily. And now many of the rooms are over-crowded. The high school department is badly crowded, and arrangements are being made by the school board to relieve this condition. Superintendent Barton reports that over 100 new pupils have enrolled in the school this session.

The faculty is given below, which shows several new teachers.

High school department: H. W. Barton, superintendent, science; W. H. Galloway, principal, mathematics and Latin; J. S. Davies, history and English.

Music, Miss Mary Risinger.
Elocution and physical culture, Miss Opal Wallace.
Seventh grade, Miss Clara St. Clair.
Sixth grade, Miss Irene Perrin.
Fifth grade, Miss Ollie Plaxco.
Fourth grade, Miss Velma Neel.
Third grade, Miss Bell Ford.
Second grade, Miss Maud Hogg.
First grade, Miss Ellen Kedall.
Kindergarten, Miss Beulah Dwyer.
Assistant teacher, Mrs. W. C. Milligan.

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with us

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Any erroneous reflections upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of the Messenger will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the publishers.

Friends, Texans, Countrymen, lend us your ears: We rise to remark that the Emergency has come: yea, it is here in force. Now, bring forth the Currency.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox says the science of eugenics is to revolutionize the world. We await the physical proof from the households of Mrs. Wilcox and the Longworths, says the Houston Post.

Some of the Houston banks have received \$1,250,000 of emergency currency, but, as Col. Bailey understands it, only high class emergencies are to be considered for the present, the ordinary emergencies being something of a drug on the market.

Even Dear Decatur has taken on the "buy a bale" movement more quickly than Denton.—Denton Record-Chronicle.

Proof positive that Decaying Denton is not in the Decatur-Dallas-Fort Worth-McKinney class.

The farmer occupies a peculiar position in the world of trade. He produces the cotton, loads it on his wagon and drives in town. The buyer sets the price. When manufactured into goods the merchant sets the price. The farmer sells at a price set by the other fellow; he buys at a price set by the other fellow. Organization, with politics and politicians eliminated, will assist the producers.

Wheat went sky high just as soon as the producer let go. Why didn't the swashbuckler war god pull his stunt while the wheat was in our bins?—Messenger.

Better still, why in the samhill didn't he wait until next spring, after we had gathered our cotton crop and sold it? Then we would have profited a-contin' and a-gwine—high priced wheat and cotton already disposed of.—Denton Record-Chronicle.

"Refused Notice." Every editor has received them. The postmaster sends them to the editor. For instance, there is a man by the name of John Bland, who refused to take his paper from the postoffice. He did not want it any longer and we wondered. Upon investigation of our subscription book we found that John was behind \$1.55. He stopped the paper as a matter of economy to us. One evening we went to church and John's melodious voice rang out loud and clear in that soul-stirring song, "Jesus Paid It All." We might have been mistaken but his earnestness impressed us. The next day we sent him a receipt in full, begging his pardon for not knowing he had made arrangements for his liabilities in that matter.—Ex.

The Messenger agrees with State Senator McNealus that there is a market for every bale of the American cotton crop, if the producer will dispose of it cheaply. The warring nations that have their ports closed against our cotton exports, Germany, Belgium, Austria-Hungary and Russia, last year took only 3,763,835 bales of our crop. This is less than 25 percent of the total American crop of all grades and classifications of cotton. The ports of England and France are open to our cotton, and last year England alone took more than three millions of bales. Then why is the market today shot to pieces? Who is responsible for the sorry market? Not the war god by a long shot. The same fellows who boosted wheat after it left the farmers' bins, are manipulating the strings in New York and England. With cotton going begging at 9 cents you haven't heard of any falling off in cotton goods prices, have you?

Thousands of bushels of sorry corn and other feedstuff have been shipped into this state from Kansas and other states to our north. Much of this "stuff" is of such a low grade that the farmers and stockraisers of the Sunflower State refuse to feed it to their stock. It is shipped into this state, where a ready market has been found. Why is this? Why will the farmers of Texas buy the shoddy stock feed from other states, when the best and most nutritious feed can be had at lower prices in this state? It has been demonstrated, proven beyond the questionings of thousands

of Doubting Thomases, that the oil mills of this state are turning out products that are superior feed for stock. The most successful and progressive cattlemen of the state are alive to the value of hulls and meal as feed. The progressive swine raiser is familiar with the oil mill products. And yet, there are thousands of pounds of Kansas, Oklahoma and Iowa "stuff" coming into Texas to fatten (?) Texas stock. Peculiar, isn't it? A relative of this writer's, Bob Gatewood, probably the most successful cattle feeder in the state, pays to the oil mills of Cleburne and Fort Worth a healthy bank role annually for the products the less progressive farmer and stockman "passes up" for the northern feed. Gatewood has been successful; he is progressive; he feeds the mill products, meal and hulls. Chicago, Kansas City, St. Louis and Ft. Worth markets have frequently been "topped" and their records smashed by the stock from the pens and ranches of this man.

A little while ago I stood by the grave of the old Napoleon—a magnificent tomb of gilt and gold, fit almost for a deity dead—and gazed upon the sarcophagus of rare and nameless marble, where rest at last the ashes of that restless man. I leaned over the balustrade and thought about the career of the greatest soldier of the modern world. I saw him walking upon the banks of the Seine, contemplating suicide. I saw him at Toulon. I saw him putting down the mob in the streets of Paris. I saw him at the head of the army in Italy. I saw him crossing the bridge at Lodi with the tricolor in his hand. I saw him in Egypt, in the shadow of the pyramids. I saw him conquer the Alps and mingle the eagles of France with the eagles of the crags. I saw him at Marengo, at Ulm and at Austerlitz. I saw him in Russia, when the infantry of the snow and calvary of the wind blast scattered his legions like winter's withered leaves. I saw him at Leipzig in defeat and disaster, driven by 1,000,000 bayonets back upon Paris, clutched like a wild beast, banished to Elba. I saw him escape and retake an empire by the force of his genius. I saw him upon the battlefield of Waterloo, where Chance and Fate combined to wreck the fortunes of their former king. And I saw him at St. Helena, with his hands crossed behind him, gazing out upon the sad and solemn sea. I thought of the widows and orphans he had made, and of the tears that had been shed for his glory, and of the only woman who ever loved him pushed from his heart by the cold hand of ambition. And I said I would rather have been a French peasant and worn wooden shoes, I would rather have lived in a hut, with a vine growing over the door and the grapes growing purple in the amorous kisses of the autumn sun; I would rather have been that poor peasant, with my wife by my side knitting as the day died out of the sky, with my children upon my knees and their arms about me; I would rather have been this man and gone down to the tongueless silence of the dreamless dust than to have been that imperial personification of force and murder known as Napoleon the Great.—Ingersoll.

Commissioners Order Well Sunk

Wednesday morning the commissioners' court called for bids on a contract to sink a well on the county's lot northwest of the jail. Work on the well will start Monday, so Judge Allison informs the Messenger. The well will supply water to the courthouse and jail.

Warehouse Contract Has Been Let

Contractor Ben Hobson has been awarded the contract to erect the first cotton warehouse for Decatur. The house will be started in a few days. The Gibson cotton yard has been purchased and is being cleared. The building will be erected on this lot.

"The Million Mystery" draws bigger crowds each night it is presented

The First State Bank

DECATUR, TEXAS, At the close of business, Sept. 12, 1914

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts.....	\$143,799 28
Overdrafts.....	48 10
Furniture and fixtures.....	3,400 00
Due from approved reserve agents, net.....	6,511 97
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check net.....	6,511 97
Cash items.....	2,603 49
Currency.....	7,550 00
Specie.....	709 80
Interest on Depositors Guaranty Fund.....	1,500 00
Other resources as follows.....	97 63
TOTAL.....	\$166,310 26

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in.....	\$ 50,000 00
Undivided profits, net.....	4,883 80
Due to banks and bankers, subject to check, net.....	8,545 82
Individual deposits subject to check.....	63,383 62
Time certificates of deposit.....	1,200 00
Cashier's checks.....	2,297 02
Bills payable and rediscounts.....	35,000 00
TOTAL.....	\$166,310 26

State of Texas, County of Wise.—We, Guinn Williams as president, and E. P. Gibson as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

GUINN WILLIAMS, Pres. E. P. GIBSON, Cashier. Sworn and subscribed to before me this 15th day of Sept., A. D. 1914. R. L. Thompson, Notary Public. Correct attest: C. B. Simmons, J. A. Simmons, J. P. Williams, Directors.

Lyceum Course

How much a ladies' organization may do to forward the interests of a town and contribute to the pleasure and enjoyment of the people is evidenced each winter in Decatur by the fact of the operation of the popular lyceum courses, which work the ladies take up and carry forward for the blessings of refreshment and entertainment which the enterprise affords.

For one reason or another Decatur has few resources for providing entertainment for her people, and the ladies through the instrumentality of the lyceum courses are conferring a real social and civic blessing when they assume the responsibilities of lyceum management. These entertainments admirably fill the need. They are high class in every respect and due to the fact that they can be arranged for in a series that can be attended by the individual so cheaply that the patrons little feel the burden.

The course for the coming fall and winter is a splendid one in every respect. In the first place, it comes from the Rice Bureau, which every one here has learned to know sends out nothing but the very best of talent. Secondly, the numbers of the course have been selected for this season with a view, based on past years of experience, to what this town needs and likes in the way of music and pleasure. It opens October 16, with the Lyric Quartette, a very superior organization of singers and entertainers, and after giving three other excellent and varied entertainments closes in February with one of the costliest and highest class productions ever brought to Decatur, the Chicago Musical Club, an orchestra of skilled and highly trained musicians, worth in itself the total price of the course to any patron. There will be five numbers in all, as follows: Lyric Quartette, October; Rufus E. King, November; The Westerners, December; Leona Beauchamp, January; Chicago Musical Club, February.

State World Have Powerful Bank

Austin, Texas, Sept. 15.—Some of the features of the proposed Central State bank plan became known this afternoon. The proposition is to create a bank with \$20,000,000 capital stock, \$17,500,000 of which is to be taken by the permanent school fund and \$2,500,000 by state banks. The bank shall administer the permanent school fund, act as custodian of the state bank guaranty fund and as reserve agent for state banks. Provision will be made for the acquisition of stock in the bank by national banks if they desire to become owners of such stock. The bank will have nine directors. These shall be the three members of the state board of education, three men nominated by them and three men nominated by the state banks.

Allies Whipping the German Army

The latest reports from the war zone in Europe say the Germans are being driven out of France. Thousands of men have been killed. The decisive battle of the war is now raging, state late press dispatches.

"Cured"

Mrs. Jay McGee, of Stephenville, Texas, writes: "For nine (9) years, I suffered with womanly trouble. I had terrible headaches, and pains in my back, etc. It seemed as if I would die, I suffered so. At last, I decided to try Cardui, the woman's tonic, and it helped me right away. The full treatment not only helped me, but it cured me."

TAKE

Cardui

The Woman's Tonic

Cardui helps women in time of greatest need, because it contains ingredients which act specifically, yet gently, on the weakened womanly organs. So, if you feel discouraged, blue, out-of-sorts, unable to do your household work, on account of your condition, stop worrying and give Cardui a trial. It has helped thousands of women,—why not you? Try Cardui. E-71

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Fails to cure you in 48 hours of Rheumatism, Gout, Lumbago or Sciatica add all Rheumatic ailments. It stops the pain, removes the cause, and when this is done, have no fear of Rheumatism or its kindred afflictions. Full size bottle sent prepaid by the Manufacturers, ROGER DRUG AND CHEMICAL CO., Dallas, if you can't procure from your local druggist. Sold in Decatur by C. B. GUNN, a clean, reliable drug store.



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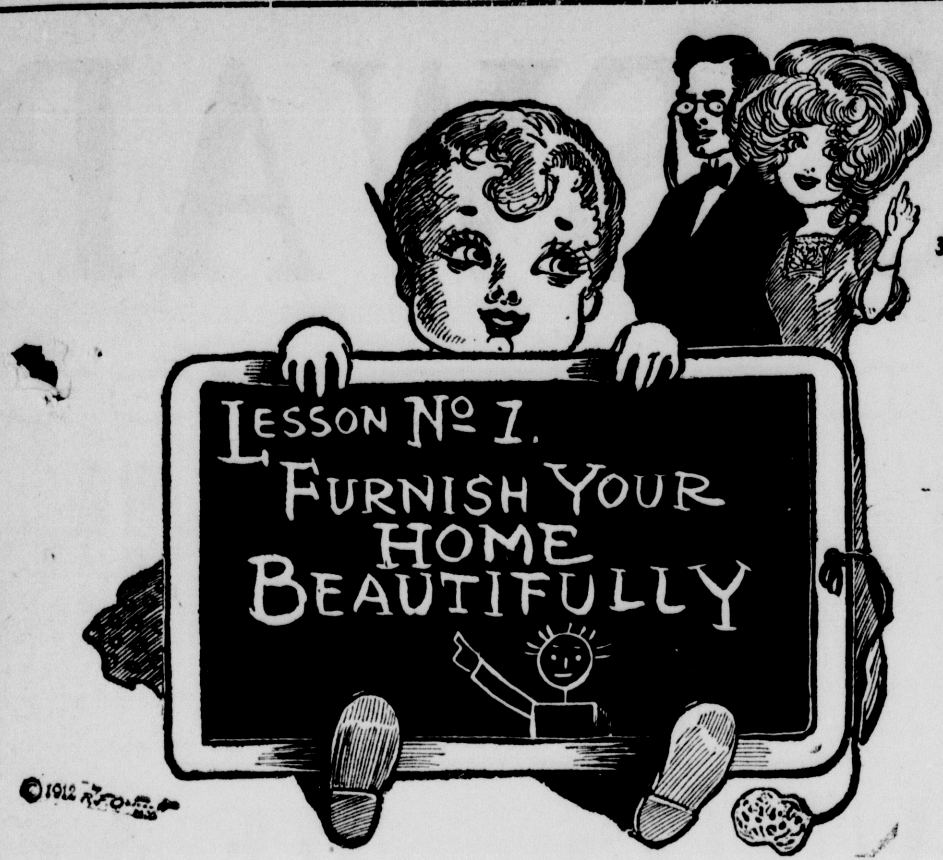
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The Messenger.

NEW DENVER SCHEDULE	
Arrive at Decatur	
SOUTH BOUND	NORTH BOUND
No. 8—5:06 a.m.	No. 3—9:38 a.m.
No. 2—4:43 p.m.	No. 1—11:20 a.m.
No. 4—2:22 p.m.	No. 7—12:45 p.m.

News of Town and County

LIGHT CRUST.
Mack Cates and wife were here this week from Fort Worth.
James Pealor of Terrell, Okla., is visiting his friend here.
Fresh graham bread every day at the City Bakery.
Wick Rutherford was here Monday from Greenwood.
Uncle Eob Davenport returned Monday from a trip to Young county.
John Cartwright and family have moved to Holliday.
We are offering some attractive terms on Ft. Smith and Mitchell wagons. Helm, Ward & Dillehay.
Dan Smith of Cisco, is visiting the family of Bob Tilghman.
R. E. Carswell was in Fort Worth Monday.
Miss Blanche Hutchinson last week visited in Chillicothe.
Try the new loaf "Mother's" bread, made with milk. City Bakery.
Uncle Bob Cates this week made a trip to Duncan, Okla.

Los Holt was here from Halsell.
Dr. J. P. Turner was here Saturday from Slidell.
"Some Perils" in the Perils of Pauline at the Majestic next Tuesday.
Mary Rogers is attending Belton Baylor college.
Miss Margate Ponder left Wednesday for school in Denton. She will attend the College of Industrial Arts.
Miss Vera Foreman from Denton, was the guest of Miss May Belle Pirtle this week.
We are offering some attractive terms on Ft. Smith and Mitchell wagons. Helm, Ward & Dillehay.
Mms. S. P. Nash, C. E. Nash and Zack Sharp left this week for a stay with relatives in Anson.
B. and Douglas Fox left this week for Fort Worth to attend Bryant's Training school.
Miss Bess Shaw is now a resident of Chillicothe, having accepted the position as trimmer for the Williams Dry Goods Co. at that place.
Madam, it is too hot to bake. Get "Mother's" bread, made with milk. City Bakery.
Miss Ruth Williams left this week for Austin, where she will attend school the coming term.
Miss Ruth Bryant of Slidell, returned last week from Fort Worth where she has been under optical treatment.
Mrs. S. D. Baker of Dallas, and Mrs. L. T. Owens of Denton, are guests of Mrs. M. F. Fox.
I am always at my chair, ready to give you the very best shines to be had anywhere. Can change tan shoe to fast black. Walter Spencer, at Owen's barber shop.

Aubrey Foster was here Sunday from Vernon.
Mrs. J. E. Boyd spent several days in Boyd this week.
Work is progressing on the new residence of Hugh Breedlove on East Main street.
Mrs. Geo. Becker of Kaufman, is the guest of her parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. R. Nash.
The ladies of the Cumberland church will give a public dinner over Dallas' grocery the first Monday in November.
Marvie Boyd left last Friday for Meridian to attend the teachers' institute in that county.—Boyd Index.
We are offering some attractive terms on Ft. Smith and Mitchell wagons. Helm, Ward & Dillehay.
Misses Minnie and Mary Vance of Cottdale, were here Saturday enroute to Edna, where they have positions in the school.—Boyd Index.
Miss Lena Vance of Cottdale, left here Tuesday for Wichita Falls, where she is to teach school the present term.—Boyd Index.
Come early and avoid the rush. Over 1200 fresh new woolen samples to select your fall suits from. Suits from \$15 to \$30. Orders taken for future delivery. Dickson & Smith.
Attorney Mack Burch and family will occupy the new house being erected just west of the Devereux home when it is completed.
Miss Willie Williamson of Burk Burnett, spent several days here this week attending the opening of the college.
Mrs. Mattie Burk and children, who have been visiting the family T. Perrin, have returned to their home at Comanche, Okla.
Have your grocery get "Mother's" bread for you at the City Bakery. Made with milk.
The Million Dollar Mystery has gone beyond expectations of the majestic patrons. It proves to be one of the best staged films around the most interesting story ever shown here.

Russell Dallas left Monday to join the Southwestern university football squad in the training camp on the Easley ranch near Taylor. After good work last year, Russell is considered one of the mainstays of the Southwestern team this year.
Miss Opal Wallace returned Saturday from Dallas and has taken up her duties as expression teacher in the Decatur high school. Monday evening Miss Wallace gave an entertainment at the courthouse when she presented "The Little Rebel." A good house greeted the young lady and all enjoyed themselves.
Give us your laundry. We want it, we need it, we appreciate it, we like it. We will call for it and we will deliver it. Phone us, write your name on your package and list it with a modern steam laundry slip. That insures you absolute satisfaction. If you haven't the slip we will gladly furnish them. Dickson & Smith.
We are offering some attractive terms on Ft. Smith and Mitchell wagons. Helm, Ward & Dillehay.
The "Buy-A-Bale" movement has been on in Decatur for several days and quite a number of the business houses have gone into the market and purchased bales. The Red Store and Collins Grocery Company were the first to purchase and the bales were displayed in front of their houses.
Mack White from near Forestburg, was here Monday trying to locate fourteen head of steers missed from his farm some three weeks ago. The steers were yearling past and branded J on left hip. Mr. White believes these cattle were stolen, and offers \$100 reward for the thief. For several years he and others have been losing cattle in the Forestburg country, and the losers are getting "sore" on cattle thieves, and are making an effort to stop the depredations.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Five Cents per line per week

FOR SALE—Nice little runabout buggy. Apply to J. H. Morris.
FOUND—Two Mexican sheep. Owner see Marshal Lewis.
FOR SALE—Complete outfit of mason's tools, will sell at reasonable price. MRS. BOB CLARK.
FOR SALE—4-room residence: 93-foot square lot; good out-houses; close to public school. Price reasonable. R. D. SMITH, at County Treasurer's office. (10-9)
FOR SALE OR TRADE—One three and one-quarter inch Mitchell wagon, slightly used. W. R. RANSON, Independent phone 166.
FOR SALE—Two young jersey milch cows, fresh soon. See L. N. NICHOLS, Carrier, Route 6.
FOR SALE—Set pony buggy harness; good condition; will sell at a bargain. EVERETT RHOADS.
STRAYED OR STOLEN—About fourteen head of yearling past steers, brand J on left hip; missed from my place 5 miles southeast of Forestburg about three weeks ago. Reward for information leading to recovery. If stolen, will give \$100 reward for arrest and conviction of thief. MACK WHITE, Forestburg, Texas.
FOR SALE—Two almost new second-hand farm wagons; also second-hand buggies and surreys; will sell two good work teams on time to responsible parties. Call at Smith's stable. (34tf)
BARGAIN in 100 acres of land near Decatur. Take some trade. See G. F. BOYD, at Abstract office.
FOR SALE—Thor IV motorcycle; in first-class condition; will sell at a bargain. JACK TAYLOR.
WE LOAN you money on your farm, take up or extend your mortgage and liens. DECATUR LAND, LOAN & ABSTRACT CO.
REGISTERED D U R O C JERSEY hogs for sale by J. W. THOMPSON, Decatur, Texas. (1-1-1f)
IF YOU want to buy or rent a house in Decatur, see E. T. Brown or J. W. Bailey.
FOR SALE—New alfalfa hay, \$8.00 per ton at press. T. F. MILLIGAN, Greenwood, Texas. (27)
FOR SALE—89 1-4 acres of land in forks of Catlett and Pecan creeks; no better land on earth; \$1500 cash balance easy payments. My home on East Main street, also a 32 h. p. Hupmobile in good shape and a sure enough runner. I need money and don't need the property. Call on or address CODY MILLIGAN, Decatur, Tex., Box 187. (36)
FOR SALE—Good five-room house; piped for gas; gas lights; lavatory; kitchen; sink; good barn; chicken house; well; windmill; cement cellar; 1 1-2 block of land goes with same. This is one of the best improved small places in Decatur. Will take some good stock as part pay. Terms on balance. If interested, address Box 541, Decatur, Texas.
FOR SALE—5-room residence in Decatur. T. L. McCONNELL.

Mrs. T. E. Ponder visited in Denton Wednesday.
Mr. and Mrs. Mack Cates were here from Fort Worth Sunday.
Some of the best farmers in this section are of the opinion that boll weevil are doing great damage to the late cotton in Wise county at this time. Some of the farmers say that one month ago they had cotton; they believed would make in the neighborhood of a bale to the acre; now the same cotton will not make half that amount. There are lots of squares but very few bolls and bolls. Boll worms are also doing damage in the bottom land. (Chico Review)
Rev. Geo. Boyd of Floresville, preached a very appreciative sermon at the Methodist church last Sunday Morning. Rev. Boyd is the son of our townsman, Rev. G. F. Boyd.
Mrs. John A. Ransome, wife of a prominent farmer living southeast of Decatur, died September 7 and was buried at the Thomas school house, the funeral services being conducted by Rev. G. W. Tyson, the lady's pastor. Mrs. Ransome left a husband and eight children, besides a host of friends to mourn her untimely death. The Messenger is requested by Mr. Ransome to thank the good people and neighbors who were so kind during the illness and death of his wife.

NOTICE

For sale or trade for cattle—Horses, mules, wagon, milch cows, cream separator also three small farms on long time and low rate of interest. H. H. HALSELL, Decatur.

NOTICE

The concessions for chicken and bread, fish and bread, hamburger, chili, restaurant, novelties, all kinds cold drinks and attractions for the Wise county fair, October 6, 7, 8, and 9 are now ready for sale. Apply to L. H. REEVES, Pres. Fair Association.

A Texas Wonder

The Texas Wonder cures kidney and bladder troubles, dissolves gravel, cures diabetes, weak and lame backs, rheumatism, and all irregularities of the kidneys and bladder in both men and women. Regulates bladder troubles in children. If not sold by your druggist, will be sent by mail on receipt of \$1.00. One small bottle is two months' treatment, and seldom fails to perfect a cure. Send for Texas testimonial's. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo. Sold by druggists.



Paints and Finishes

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Fall "Fixing Up"

No money brings such satisfaction as a few cents spent in the Fall for "touching up" shabby floors, furniture and woodwork. All winter long the bright, attractive and wholesome home is a source of constant pleasure.

ACME QUALITY

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are the kind to use. Simply tell us what you want to do and we will give you the proper Acme Quality Kind for your particular purpose. Let us tell you Five Strong Reasons for Fall House Painting.

C. B. Gunn, Decatur, Tex.

TAKE THIS

When an agent approaches you with his fine pictures and smooth running talk, BEWARE. It's the sure-enough goods you want, and you want to patronize home also, and have some one to kick to if there is any kick coming.

We are willing to take the kicking if our goods do not prove satisfactory.

The Spencer Nursery

Jno. Spencer, Mgr. Decatur, Tex.

The Y. W. A. met Monday afternoon at the Baptist church. The subject of the lesson for the meeting was "Gideon," which was lead by leader Mrs. Hughes. It was decided to divide the Y. W. A. into two sections, of which Mrs. Hunt and Mrs. Roy Heathington were elected leaders. Miss Annie Plaxco was appointed press reporter; Mrs. Ella Gentry and Mrs. Tom Renfro were appointed on personal service committee; Misses Johnnie Blankenship, Annie Plaxco and Mrs. Roy Heathington on telephone committee. It was decided to help pay the expenses of the young lady whom the Baptist churches of the county are to send to the Baptist college; also for each member to bring some gift at each meeting to be distributed among the poor and invalids of the town. The organization will meet at the home of Mrs. Ella Gentry the fourth Tuesday of this month in a social meeting. Regular meetings are the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.
MISS ANNIE PLAXCO, Press Reporter.

Million Dollar Mystery

Continues to Get Crowd

Last night, in spite of the rain, a record-breaking crowd attended the Mission Theatre to see the eleventh installment of this absorbing picture which seems to gather interest each week.
The crowds filled the house to overflowing and many stood outside the entrance, exposed to the rain, waiting their turn to enter, rather than miss a single picture. —Amarillo Daily News, Saturday.

Parade Is at Noon

Yankee Robinson Circus and Wild West Parade Takes Place At Noon.

In order that the country folks can have as much time at home on circus day as possible, also that incoming excursionists can have the opportunity of witnessing the immense circus and wild west parade of Yankee Robinson and Texas Bill, the event does not take place until high noon. Promptly at that time the parade moves, then all the outside free exhibitions are given at the show grounds. For those who come in early there is plenty of amusement, however, and it is advisable when convenient, to come in as early as possible.

Every Wednesday night—Our Mutual Girl.



The Telephone Road to Every Market

Are you up on current dairy prices during the scarce season?
The farmer with a Bell Telephone is "wise" and he sells at the market's height. Why not share your telephone-connected neighbors advantages.
Apply to our nearest manager for information, or write
THE SOUTHWESTERN TELEGRAPH and TELEPHONE CO.
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TO START IN DECATUR, TEXAS

SUNDAY, SEPT. 20th

Everyone urged to be present. All christian people urged to co-operate

LOKAL NEWS

Perils of Pauline every two weeks. Alfred Brown of Paradise, was here Tuesday.

Miss Ella Lundy of Bowie, visited here this week.

Dr. V. S. Halcomb was here from Bridgeport Wednesday.

Lee Mann and son, Dewey, were here from Paradise Monday.

J. W. Colbern of Terral, Okla., attended the college opening here.

Mrs. Angie Beville has sold her farm north of town to J. L. Campbell.

A. D. Turner of Denton, was here this week visiting his friend, Jim Holt.

The Missionary society of the Methodist church has sent a box to the Virginia K. Johnson home in Dallas. The box was valued at \$80.

Rev. J. O. McClurkin, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian church in Decatur in the long ago, is dying of peritonitis at a sanitarium in Nashville, Tenn.

Chairman Cliff Cates of the "Home Coming", committee of the Wise County Fair, is this week sending out invitations to former citizens of Delightful Decatur. The invitations are nobby.

Dr. J. J. Ingram, one of the county's most prominent physicians, is reported seriously ill at his home in Southeast Decatur with peritonitis. The Messenger hopes for a speedy recovery for the doctor.

See the Million Dollar Mystery tonight.

Decatur Baptist college opened Wednesday morning with an attendance bigger than was expected. Rev. J. L. Ward is the new president and friends of the school look forward to a prosperous session.

The fine arts recital which was to have been given in the college chapel tonight, Friday, has been postponed indefinitely on account of the unfit condition of the chapel. The auditorium is being repaired and cannot be used at present.

The famous Alta Vista ice cream is as popular as ever—always at the City Bakery.

The Misses Montgomery, expert dressmakers, have opened a shop in rooms above the City Bakery on the west side of the square. These ladies have had much experience in their line and are recognized as experts in the art. See adv. in today's Messenger.

Louie Shulkey has opened his new cafe three doors west of the postoffice, and is starting off with a splendid business. The place is well arranged and has the appointments of a first-class eating place. The people appreciate Mr. Shulkey's efforts to furnish a first-class establishment.

Farmer P. L. Jones was in town Thursday and reported to the Messenger representative that the movement to keep as much cotton as possible off the market at present was being materially assisted by the worms in his section, and if the pests continued their work the organization of "Buy-a-Bale" movers will have to go some to be in the running.

The best serial picture ever seen here—"Perils of Pauline."

For some time the "Holy Rollers," a traveling troop of enthusiasts, claiming to preach in the unknown tongues, have been holding meetings in Bridgeport. Several days ago the report came that the troop was coming to Decatur for a stay, but word came later that the "Rollers" were going to continue services in Bridgeport until the second coming of Christ.

Wednesday night Harold Raborn and Miss Eara Pruett both of Chico, were married at the home of the bride's parents in Chico, Elder B. F. Hall officiating. Only a few intimate friends and the groom's near relatives were present. The young couple left immediately for West Academy where they will make their home, Mr. Raborn having charge of the gin at that place. These young people have a host of friends in Chico who wish them all the happiness and pleasure that this world has to give.—Chico Review.

"Perils of Pauline" is shown every other Tuesday night. Don't miss it.

R. E. Leonard, former principal here, is principal at Rhome this year. While here he was boasting that the Rhome school was the only school in the county that would maintain a nine months' school. That good district has voted a 15c maintenance tax. It has appropriated \$1250 for agriculture and domestic science. Laboratories will be put in and various general improvements, such as drinking fountains, iron fences, etc. Four teachers are employed.—Bridgeport In'tex.

The City Bakery is the home of refreshment.

Col. Bill Mann, commissioner from the Paradise country, informs a Messenger representative that his town of Paradise is in on the "Buy-a-Bale" movement, and quite a number of the citizens down there have already purchased their bales. Commissioner Mann is doing his part in the movement and says he will keep several bales off the market if he has to purchase them to get in on the holding clause of the contract.

The Decatur district of the North Texas conference of the M. E. Church South, is no more. At a recent meeting of the church's high officials in Dallas the Decatur district was absorbed by the Bowie district, and the next presiding elder for this district will reside in Bowie. This change is said to have been brought about by a growing demand for a new district in the northwestern part of the territory covered by the conference.

All the popular soft drinks at City Bakery. Everything sanitary.

At a meeting of the Harmony club held Saturday at the home of Mrs. E. H. Baumgaertner, the annual election of officers was held. The following were elected: President, Mrs. Dick Collins; vice-president, Mrs. Zack Lillard; secretary, Miss Georgia Nash; choral director, Mrs. John A. Simmons; pianist, Miss Mary Risinger; corresponding secretary, Roy Heathington. This was the first meeting of the new year.

Buy a bale of cotton and be a benefactor.

Miss Opal Wallace, teacher of elocution in the high school, gave a very enjoyable recital at the court house Monday night, and a good-sized crowd was present. After several introductory numbers, the entertainer gave a splendid rendition of "The Littlest Rebel," a Southern story of much pathos and interest. This number gave Miss Wallace the opportunity to display her great talent as a reader, and she rendered the selection in a manner highly pleasing to the audience.

LOST—Gentleman's black coat between Pecan and Greenwood on Sept. 12. Finder please return to this office and get reward. (42)

Evangelist Friar to Hold Meeting Here

Evangelist Herbert H. Friar of San Antonio, and his chorister, M. C. Eidson of Birmingham, Ala., have arranged to hold an evangelistic meeting in Decatur, beginning next Sunday morning. The pastor and deacons of the First Baptist church have tendered the use of their meeting house for the meeting. Rev. Mr. Friar and Mr. Eidson come highly recommended and the pastor and deacons of the First Baptist church very gladly give their endorsement both of the men and the nature of the work they are doing. They have just closed at Alvord the most successful and far reaching meetings ever held in that community. Most of the conversions in that meeting were mature men and women. Mr. Friar is one of the most successful evangelists in the South and Mr. Eidson is said to be an artist in his line. While the Baptist church has tendered the use of their house the meeting is for the entire town and all christians are invited to attend and co-operate in the effort to be put forth. It is hoped that every person in the community will attend the meeting. Mr. Eidson desires to meet all those who are interested in the music for the meeting at the Baptist church Friday night.

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Methodist Church

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.; preaching at 11 a. m.; junior and senior League services at 3 and 4 p. m., respectively. On account of the evangelistic services at the Baptist church there will be no service at the Methodist church Sunday night. The pastor is very desirous of a full attendance at the 11 o'clock service. A cordial invitation to everybody.

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The State of Texas, to the Sheriff or any Constable of Wise County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon C. Arthur Brown, unknown heirs of C. Arthur Brown; John L. Lovejoy; S. H. Hodges, unknown heirs of S. H. Hodges; L. A. Crane, unknown heirs of L. A. Crane; G. W. Trenchard and the unknown heirs of G. W. Trenchard, by making publication of this citation once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 43rd judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 43rd judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Wise county, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Decatur, on the last Monday in November, 1914, the same being the 30th day of November, 1914, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 9th day of April, 1914, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 3842, wherein Walter Rosenberg is plaintiff, and C. Arthur Brown, the unknown heirs of C. Arthur Brown; John L. Lovejoy; S. H. Hodges, the unknown heirs of S. H. Hodges; L. A. Crane, the unknown heirs of L. A. Crane; G. W. Trenchard and the unknown heirs of G. W. Trenchard are defendants, and the nature of the demand set out in said petition being a suit in trespass to try title to the following described land situated in Wise county, Texas: First tract: Out of J. B. Williams survey, about one mile west from Decatur, beginning 870 vrs. west of the northwest corner of the A. J. Walker survey; thence north 950 vrs.; thence west 950 vrs.; thence south 950 vrs.; thence east 950 vrs. to beginning, less 5 acres out of northwest corner of same. Second tract: one acre out of G. M. Virgil survey, beginning at a stone 370 vrs. west of northwest corner of J. B. Williams survey; thence north 35 vrs.; thence

west 161 2-3 vrs.; thence south 35 vrs.; thence east 161 2-3 vrs. to beginning. Herein fail not, but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in Decatur, this 16th day of May of September, 1914. LORY D. WHITE, Clerk, District Court, Wise County. (11-6)

Citation by Publication.

The State of Texas, to the Sheriff or any Constable of Wise County—Greeting:

J. C. Frost administrator of the estate of Sarah Patey, deceased, having filed in our county court his final account of the condition of the estate of said Sarah Patey, deceased, numbered 1603 on the probate docket of Wise county, together with an application to be discharged from said administration.

You are hereby commanded, that by publication of this writ for twenty days prior to Oct. 5, 1914, in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper printed in the county of Wise you give due notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estate, to appear and contest the same if they see proper so to do, on or before the October 1914 term, of said county court, commencing and to be holden at the court house of said county, in the city of Decatur, Texas, on the 5th day of October, 1914, when said account and application will be acted upon by said court.

Given under my hand and seal of said court at my office in the city of Decatur, Texas, this 11th day of Sept. 1914. J. P. WILLIAMS Clerk, County Court, Wise County. SAM FAITH Sheriff, Wise County. (9-25)

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